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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 20, 1990

PETITION RECEIVED  
EXPRESSING CONCERN  
REGARDING THE ADDITION  
OF BARBECUES AT EMERSON  
PARK

CC-16

City Clerk Reimche presented petitions which had been received from Lauren Bell containing approximately 30 signature expressing concern about the addition of barbecues at Emerson Park.

On motion of Council Member Olson, Hinchman second, the matter was referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

June 18, 1990

Dear CouncilMembers,

Enclosed is a petition signed by myself and other concerned parents about the current addition of a B.B.Q. and picnic area at Emerson Park.

We appreciate the monies being put into improving the park by the Lions Club, and the efforts of the Parks and Recs Commision, however we do not, feel, that a charity donating money is cause to not question if safety is being comprimised. We also do not feel that it is too late to make our concerns heard, knowing full well the challenge of bureaucratic red tape, because it is the saftey of our children that is at stake.

I have continually been told, that the improvements to the park, are because **this** is what the people wanted. I question then, **who are we?** I have been informed that some of the people **who** requested a B.B.Q. area are involved with little league and other baseball organizations, and while I respect their wishes I do not feel that the only corner of the park that **is** designated for the children should be where the B.B.Q.s are located. If the ball players want B.B.Q.s then put it by the ball field, and leave our children's play area a safe place to play.

I had originally **taken** my concerns to the Parks and Recs commision, in particular Mr. Ron Willimson the Parks Director and Mr. Steve Scott, Chairman of Parks and Recs. Both these men tried to appeas me by agreeing to having the B.B.Q. located by the Tiny 'Tots play area removed, and **for** listening and trying to **help** I am appreciative, however I do **not** feel that **this is enough.**

I was informed that the project would continue as planned arid, if they actually did see a problem down the road, that perhaps something could be done. It saddens me that the safety of our children has to be jeopardized to prove a point. Do they actually have to have a child seriously hurt to change their plans? Will it take something this frightening to get them to at least meet with us to hear our suggestions?

Thank you very much for bearing our concerns and we appreciate any help you **could** offer us on this matter.

Yours truly,  
Lauren Bell  
and the undersigned  
parents and concerned citizens.

We the Undersigned Parents have great concern for the safety of our children while using Emerson Park. due to the location of the B.B.Q pits being installed between the two childrens play areas. We welcome the additions & improvements being made at the park for our children & other families, but feel strongly that the chosen location for the Picnic area is inappropriate & potentially very dangerous. Please hear our concerns and try to work with us to make these improvements and ensure the safety of our children.

- 1) Lauren Bell
- 2) Robert McConahay
- 3) Maria J. Partida
- 4) Christy Ishizuka

- 5) Janet Hamilton
- 6) Marguerite Guerriero
- 7) Michele McCurdy

8) Jacqueline S. Space

9) Paul McConahay III

10) [Signature]

11) [Signature]

12) Tony Guerriero

13) Julianne Brown

14) Marianne B. Quinn

15) [Signature]

16) Sophia Christman

17) Steve Fosse

18) Donna J. Min

19) Linda A. Miller

20) Shelly Highsmith

21) Carol Royal

22) Barbara Claypool-Franson

23) Lina L. Fusco

24) Deborah L. Anderson

25) Don Royal

26) Mary Woelfel

27) Debra Townsend

28) Lorie Loe

29) Victoria Erickson

30) Madeline Foy

31) Jacqueline S. Space

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1990

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Carin Steffens

Janice Williams

Leslie Buckner

Debra Sherry

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Emily Barrington

Valerie Martinez

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